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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST - ITINERARY

REF: (A) STATE 172352, (B) STATE 171243, (C) CAIRO 12224

1. CONTACTED FAHMY THIS MORNING JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ALEXANDRIA AND TOLD HIM OF EARLIER AUGUST 3 DEPARTURE TIME. ASKED THAT HE ADVISE SADAT OF THE CHANGE. (THE PRESIDENT RETURNED TO ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SPEECH LAST EVENING.) FAHMY PROMISED TO DO SO. HE WILL ALSO ASK PRESIDENT'S VIEWS RE PROPOSED SCHEDULE, BUT THOUGHT HE MIGHT NOT HAVE THESE UNTIL THURSDAY, JULY 28.

2. TODAY'S CAIRO PRESS ANNOUNCES SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE AUGUST 1--THIS, DESPITE FACT THAT SADAT HAD AGREED WE WOULD DELAY PUBLICATION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. FAHMY
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BLANDLY TOLD TO ME THAT HE HAD RELEASED THE INFORMATION WITHOUT ASKING THE PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL. I REMINDED HIM THAT WE HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS IT NOT BE PREMATURELY DISCLOSED. FAHMY ARGUED ISRAELIS WILL DISCLOSE IT ALMOST ANY MOMENT ANYWAY, HENCE HIS ACTION JUSTIFIED. PICKING UP THE SECURITY THEME, HE INSISTED SECRETARY WILL FACE

NO SECURITY PROBLEM HERE.

3. COMMENT: REGRET DISCLOSURE, BUT IT IS A TYPICAL
FAHMY PLOY. FACT IS THAT AFTER BEGIN PRESS CONFERENCES
IN US, GOE BELIEVES IT NEEDS SOMETHING TO ANNOUNCE RE
MOVEMENT ON PEACE PROCESS AND FAHMY SEIZED OPPORTUNITY
TO DO SO.
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